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MUST BE SHOWN EXTRA TERM IS NECESSARY

BY MAX ABERNETHY.
Raleigh, June 29.—In calling for the financial statements of the cities and towns Governor Morrison and his council of state are being charged with seeking to "becloud the legislature" which the municipalities want to correct the defects in the 1921 financial act.
Frankly the mayors and officers of the cities and towns are not pleased with the action of the governor and Morrison cabinet which asks for something more than glittering generalities regarding the deficits that now and will exist two years hence unless the legislature is called together to correct the error where the financial act was invalidated. Asking that they make public their financial secrets was embarrassing, the city officials think, and now they see in the move an unwilling governor and council of state everything that fails to please.
"We furnished the governor proof enough," said one of the city officials at the capital this week, "that the cities and towns were in desperate financial straits and that the special session of the legislature should be called." The official then expressed his mind rather freely. He believed a determined effort is being made to delay action on their request for an extra session. The call for the financial statements were only used as a pretext it is charged.
Mayor Gallatin Roberts of Asheville, president of the North Carolina Municipal Association is today being called upon for an expression as to whether the association should take notice of the governor's decision requesting that deficits the municipalities are facing should be furnished the council of state. Willard Dwyer, city clerk of Raleigh, who is secretary of the association, has sent the inquiry to President Roberts.
Treasurer Ben Lacy, next of official kin to the governor, who is spending the week at Wicksburg, denies any effort on the part of the council to pigeon-hole the municipalities' request for an extra session. He quotes the governor and other members of the council as holding the same view.
"We are from Missouri," said Colonel Lacy, "but we want to be convinced a special session is absolutely necessary. We think it is up to the cities to show us."

LIGHTNING STOPS MACHINERY IN HICKORY

A bolt of lightning descending at 3:12 yesterday afternoon hit the Southern Power Company substation a fair blow and put it out of business until 7:55, nearly five hours in all. The bolt cleaned out every switchboard, burned up all meters and caused a financial loss at the sub station of at least \$1,500 in wires and machinery.
The flash, which stopped every plant driven by electricity, was one of the keenest that ever landed on the substation. It sounded like it was in the business part of Hickory and the young men running the Record linotypes hopped from their machines as if they imagined it had hit them. The Record was just finishing up its composition for the day, the proofs were being corrected and everything was ready for the press run. The paper came out between 8 and 10 o'clock, most of the carriers returning after supper and making their rounds. The others delivered their papers this morning.
It was an accident which this paper could not prevent and the delay in issuing was pardonable. Record subscribers here were tolerant, as usual, and nobody complained at the delayed turn of the press wheels.
So badly were the mechanisms at the substation blown by the shock that Manager Hoover had a large force busy for nearly five hours at work. Mr. E. B. Thompson, manager of the Southern Public Utilities Company, also rushed a force to the assistance of Mr. Hoover and the men built main wires outside the plant to get the current back under control. Another party chased other lines and an hour was lost in splicing wires feeding the Shuford mills in Highland.
The rainfall in Hickory was not unusually heavy, but it was severe in the South Fork section of the county, small streams running over the banks, bottom corn being uprooted and considerable damage being done.
The substation, minus its transformers, was shooting the juice into the various plants today direct from the big wires. The result was a lack of uniformity in the current, not noticeable to concerns requiring only straight driving power, but very noticeable where linotype metal must be kept at a special temperature to obtain best results.

BOMBING PLANES FIND IOWA TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Newport News, Va., June 29.—Contact with the radio-controlled battleship Iowa was established at 10:45 o'clock this morning by seaplanes from the Hampton Roads naval base and bombing operations started immediately, according to a wireless from Commander Ellison. The Iowa was located about 20 miles from Winter Shoals.
The Iowa was making every attempt to elude the planes, 30 in number. The message from the naval base did not say whether the attack had succeeded.
No advice have yet been received as to whether the airmen have succeeded in finding the moving target with the "dummy" bombs. Commander Ellison's brief message gave no particulars.
Thirty planes from the naval base are taking part in the maneuver. The Iowa is free to go where she will in a certain radius. The bombing planes must not come in less than 4,000 feet of her in hurling the dummies.

M'COY ELECTED MEAT AND MILK INSPECTOR

City council last night passed on first reading a meat and milk inspection ordinance with Dr. E. J. McCoy as inspector and made the ordinance an emergency measure so that it is in effect at once. The charge for inspection will be borne by the dairies, \$1 for each cow up to ten cows and 50 cents for each additional animal.
The ordinance was recommended by the Community club and is similar to ordinances in force in other towns and cities. The powers of the inspector are broad enough to permit him to inspect dairies, require tuberculin tests of herds, authorize him to require examination of persons handling milk to see that they are not afflicted with communicable diseases, and he is enabled to improve the sanitary conditions at dairies, slaughter houses, meat markets, creameries and all places where food is sold to Hickory people.
The penalty for violation of the ordinance is a fine of \$25 for each offense. The ordinance has been ordered printed and will be incorporated in the revised ordinances.
The remainder of the session of council last night was devoted to the discussion of street work.

OPPOSE RENEWAL OF JAPANESE TREATY

By the Associated Press.
London, June 29.—(By Canadian Press).—The Anglo-Japanese alliance is not to be renewed in its present form, it is abundantly clear although the discussion of the treaty by the conference has not been general.
While Arthur J. Balfour and Lord Curzon, the only members of the conference thus far who have dealt with the subject, used diplomatic precaution in their speeches, they left a clear impression that while the British government would like to have some form of understanding with Japan, it would not form a military alliance.
Inasmuch as Premier Meighan of Canada and Premier Smuts of South Africa will strongly urge against an alliance of any kind but will advocate a British-American-Japanese understanding instead, the indications being that the alliance will be dropped.

TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, June 29.—"The state board of education considers the total amount due the counties a state obligation and one that the state should meet as soon as provisions can be made for securing the funds." Thus declares Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, in a statement issued today commenting upon the \$500,000 deficit in the state public school fund for the year ending June 30.
While the state is facing a deficit in its school fund for the year Dr. Brooks points out within the last two years North Carolina has come up from the bottom of the list, educationally, above 14 other states, and that the provisions made by the 1921 legislature will be ample to maintain the progress started. It is interesting also, he says, that the deficit is not due to high salaries paid teachers but to the large increase in well prepared ones and to the increase in the total number of teachers employed.
"School officials and patrons demanded better teachers," says Dr. Brooks. "They recognized the second grade teachers at \$45 a month, or the teachers of the intermediate grades, at an average salary of \$55 a month were not considered well prepared teachers. Therefore, they preferred not to employ them. They desired the best and it was evident that those who held the elementary or the higher standard certificates were considered the best teachers."
"It is clear that the monthly salaries paid to teachers out of the state funds was not excessive since it averaged for all teachers employed only \$78 a month. Moreover, 7,382 were paid \$35 or less. The maximum average salary for the best prepared teachers was only \$105 per month. It did not reach the estimated average of \$110 a month. The deficit, therefore, is not due to the high salaries paid, but to the large increase in well prepared teachers and to the increase in the total number of teachers employed."
"The one encouraging fact is that the number of teachers holding the highest standard certificates was almost doubled, going from 2,368 in 1,19-20 to 4,367 in 1920-21. These are the teachers who have had the equivalent of at least two years of college training. More children have attended school during the past year than ever before, and more good teachers and less poor teachers, comparatively speaking, have been employed than ever before, and the counties give an abundance of testimony to the improvement in the schools."
"If North Carolina continues to progress educationally it is absolutely necessary to place a premium on professional fitness. An average monthly salary of \$105 a month for those who have had from two to four years of college training or who have had ten years of experience and have demonstrated their fitness to teach is not excessive. It is the duty of school officials to replace the second grade or unprepared teachers with a well prepared teacher whenever possible. But wherever this is done the salary budget is increased a hundred per cent without raising the salaries of individual teachers one cent."
"The teachers are striving heroically to improve themselves. Last summer about 7,000 teachers went to school from six to 12 weeks. This was unprecedented in any state. This summer the number will be still larger. From present indications at least 8,500 will attend school from six to 12 weeks because all the state and county summer schools show a larger enrollment than was indicated last year at this time. Therefore no county should think for a moment of reducing the state salary schedule. If it is done in a single county the best teachers will leave that county poorest county needs as good teachers as the most wealthy county."
"Within two years North Carolina has moved educationally from the foot of the list above 14 states, unless their rate of progress has been greater than ours, and the world can no longer point to us as the most backward people educationally. The provisions made by the latest general assembly for 1921-22 will be ample to maintain our progress."
"The State Board of Education considers the total amount due the counties a state obligation and one that the state should meet as soon as provisions can be made for securing the funds."
"A statement will be issued to county officials giving them directions as to how to proceed under the new legislative provisions so that our rate of progress may be maintained."
"All the counties have had the advantage of better schools? More children were educated last year than ever before. The people in every county are consolidating schools, providing larger buildings and demanding better teachers. * * * The people are willing to pay the price and the county officials should lead the way so that our rate of progress may be maintained."
Apportionment of the public school fund is based on the qualifications of the teachers and the attendance

MANY REPORTERS TO SEE BIG FIGHT

By the Associated Press.
New York, June 29.—Probably more newspaper correspondents than were employed in France during the world war will be in Jersey City July 2 to report the Dempsey-Carpentier bout.
Ike Dorgan, who has charge of the press arrangements, said there would be 700 newspaper men at the ringside, 200 of whom would be dictating to telegraph operators while the bout was in progress and the remainder would be scattered in the circle of \$59 tickets.
It will be the greatest array of fight chroniclers or indeed chroniclers of any other time to report a single event.
Reporters from other nations will be here to chronicle the event. Seven writers from France will be on hand, waiting and hoping that they might cable a flash that their country had produced the champion.
England will be represented by 15 newspaper correspondents and eight more will come from Canada. Even Tokyo, on the other side of the world will have special writers there, as well as Copenhagen, Manila, Buenos Aires, Havana and other foreign cities.
A hundred telegraph wires will begin buzzing early in the morning and although the bout will not begin until 3 o'clock, daylight saving time, news that fight fans will eagerly scan begin "to break" around 8 o'clock.

GREEKS HAVE QUIT IMPORTANT TOWN

By the Associated Press.
London, June 29.—The position of the Ionian peninsula in Asia Minor, where the Turks and Greeks are opposed to each other is obscure, the under secretary of state for foreign affairs today. Information received this morning, however, was that the town of Smyrna had been abandoned, was in flames and the population in panic.

TAFT IS FAVORED FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—Recent developments regarding the possible choice of a successor to the late Chief Justice Edward Douglas White. There was no definite indication as to who would be named, although in the most recent gossip about the capital the name of William Howard Taft has been prominent. It is understood that prominent lawyers throughout the country have endorsed him.

ALLIES OWE U. S. BILLION IN INTEREST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—Approximately one billion dollars interest was owed the United States by European debtor nations up to May 15, treasury officials said today in advocating the administration bill to give the secretary authority in funding the allied debt. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Wadsworth placed the interest at over \$900,000,000. Secretary Mellon told the committee that no suggestion has been made that the United States accept German allied reparations bonds as a substitute for allied debts.
Mr. Mellon said the only funding negotiations entered into were with Great Britain and the negotiations had not gone far.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR OPINION ON WAR

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—Is it "wholly desirable" to have the expression of a favorable opinion on the part of congress relating to world disarmament and "it would seem to me that it should be expressed in the broadest terms," President wrote to Representative Mondell of Wyoming, Republican leader in the house.
"I am vastly more concerned with the favorable attitude of congress on the subject than I am as to the form of that attitude," the president added. "You may be sure that the executive will be ready to give consideration to such expression as the two houses of congress are disposed to make."

STILL TRYING TO PREVENT BIG FIGHT

By the Associated Press.
Jersey City, N. J., June 29.—Rev. Henry B. Wyatt, representing the Community Club of Jersey City, today and before Prosecutor Garvin a bill of complaint to stop the Dempsey-Carpentier fight Saturday.
A letter accompanying the bill charged the principals and the promoters with attempting to prevent the boxing or sparring in New Jersey.
H. C. Gillison of counsel for the clergymen, said affidavits had been submitted and witnesses were prepared to testify before the grand jury in whatever action the prosecutor may take.

NEW YORK WOMAN WHO MARRIED LORD DIES

By the Associated Press.
London, June 29.—Lady Randolph Churchill, who was Miss Jennie Jerome of New York, died here today. She recently underwent an operation on her right foot, which was injured in a fall downstairs.
She married Lord Randolph Churchill, second son of the seventh Duke of Marlborough, and one of England's most influential politicians in his time.
Lady Randolph Churchill's death occurred suddenly as a result of heart failure.
Her son, Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, was present at the end.

PICTURE MANAGERS WILL WAGE FIGHT

Minneapolis, Minn., June 29.—Two proposals to form corporations to aid the motion picture business were before the annual convention of motion picture managers.
Centralization of distribution of films would be the purpose of a proposed \$5,000,000 firm among independent distributors. Another plan calls for the raising of \$2,000,000 by the theatre owners for a national campaign against the motion picture "combine."
Both these plans would carry on a fight against the famous Lasky-Players corporation, which was described as the "movie monopoly."
Managers today were discussing the abrupt departure of Adolph Zukor head of the Lasky corporation.
Mr. Zukor left last night for New York after announcing he had been prevented a chance to present his views.

TURCO-BOLSHEVIK PLOT UNCOVERED

By the Associated Press.
Constantinople, June 29.—A Turco-Bolshevik plot of vast proportions has been discovered by the allied authorities here, it was officially announced here today.
Numerous arrests have been made including the alleged ring leader of the movement.

THIS MAN SINGS LIKE THREE VOICES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—The federal board for vocational education has discovered a chorus in one man.
He is Joseph Kaufman disabled veteran and disabled is able the board's announcement asserts to sing in three voices at one time sounding like three men singing at one time.
Kaufman is described also as an accomplished saxophone player and has been placed in a Minneapolis school of music to prepare for a career in vaudeville.

NO GROUP CAN MAKE ITS OWN AGREEMENT

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, June 29.—No separate agreement on wages or working conditions can be made by any group of railroad workers in any particular line, the railroad labor board announced today.
The decision was rendered in the case of clerks in general offices who wished to negotiate separate agreements distinct from those negotiated by the general group.
The board stated in its opinion, however, that the personal office force in general offices could be placed on an excepted list not included in a general agreement.

TITHERS WANTED BY SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

By the Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., June 29.—Plans for the enrollment among the members of local churches of the Southern Baptist convention of a half million tithers within the six months were announced today by Dr. Hight C. Moore, secretary of the convention. There are 3,000,000 Baptists within the convention's territory and each state is asked to secure at least one-sixth of the members as tithers.
The work of securing tithers will be carried on by the regular forces and the campaign will conclude with a grand rally in October.
North Carolina is asked to enroll 51,000 tithers.

SPARTANBURG MILLS LOOK FOR BUSINESS

By the Associated Press.
Spartanburg, S. C., June 9.—Eighteen cotton mills in Spartanburg county today paid semi-annual dividends amounting to \$557,130. Paolet mills leads with a 3 1/2 per cent dividend on \$1,500,000 preferred. Clifton and Spartan mills come next, each paying four per cent on \$2,000,000 capital stock. The highest dividend is paid by Bowmer and Woodruff mills, each paying a five per cent semi-annual dividend.
Local men say the period of depression is passing and they are optimistic over the outlook. Wage adjustments have been made and the mills are receiving orders for goods to insure operation for many months to come.

READY TO ENFORCE PROHIBITION LAW

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—Reorganization of the federal prohibition enforcement forces along lines previously announced will become effective July 1. Commissioner Haynes said today. On that date the new state district directors will succeed the present district commissioners.
Mr. Haynes went over his plans with members of the senate finance committee recently when the question of additional funds for the government's dry agents was up. The question of enforcement had been given favorable consideration throughout the country.

HERE'S A TWENTY BUCK HAT FOR BIG SLUGGER

Ye home run hitters, listen to the song of the \$20 hat.
Waiting in the Yoder-Clark Clothing Company show window for you is Knox Beaver for the man who knocks the first genuine home run in the Sunday school league or in the event a homer is not put across, the hat will be awarded to the player having the best batting average at the end of the season. The Knox is on display. Any size will be available.

REFUSES TO MEET SIMN FEIN LEADER

By the Associated Press.
Belfast, June 29.—Sir James Craig the Ulster premier declined today the invitation extended him by Eamonn De Valera, the Irish Republican leader, to meet him in Dublin. The invitation was contained in a letter to Sir James and four other prominent Ulster leaders to meet De Valera at his residence in Dublin.

STILLMAN APPEARS

By the Associated Press.
Poughkeepsie, June 29.—James A. Stillman, New York banker, was reported to have gone on the witness stand this afternoon for cross examination in the divorce suit which he instituted against Mrs. Ann U. Stillman. The banker was said to have been taken into the building where Referee Gleason is holding hearings before a corps of reporters and camera men on the sidewalk. It is planned to have him remain in the building until dark, newspaper men were informed.

TO PLAY DOUBLE HEADED THURSDAY

With a double header on the program tomorrow afternoon baseball fans will get their money's worth from 3 o'clock on until the last man is out at the conclusion of the second game. The Methodists will play the Presbyterians two seven-inning games. First game starts at 3 o'clock according to plans.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, June 29.—Relatively easy cables from Liverpool led to an opening rally of two to five points in the cotton market today and October sold off nine points net lower right after the call. There was some southern selling on scattered covering.

TO FLY FLAGS HALF MAST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, June 29.—Secretary Denby today ordered flags of all naval vessels and coast stations placed at half mast for Chas. J. Bonaparte, former secretary of the navy, who died yesterday at his home in Baltimore.

MRS. WHITENER DEAD

Mrs. James R. Whitener, wife of Mr. James R. Whitener, died suddenly this afternoon at her home near Eighth street. She had been in poor health for so me time but the end came as a shock to her family and friends.
Mrs. Whitener is survived by her husband and several children. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

TEACHERS EMPLOYED

In 1920-21 the total number of teachers employed was 17,523, an increase over the previous year of 1-530 teachers. The number of unprepared and untrained teachers was 7,382 or 42 1/2 per cent of the entire teaching profession. Within one year the number of unprepared teachers was reduced by 13 per cent, while the total number of teachers employed was increased about 10 per cent.
In 1910-20 the number of teachers holding state certificates was 7,491; in 1920-21 the number was 10,141, showing an increase in one year of 35 per cent.
In 1919-20 the number of teachers holding the highest standard certificates was 2,268.
In 1920-21 the number of teachers of this class was 4,367 or an increase of 85 per cent. No state in the union has ever made greater progress in one year.